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No Improvement Without Taxation.

The defeat of three much needed amendments to our state constitution in the late election because it possibly involved a very slight increase in taxation to carry them into effect in the event of their adoption is decidedly discouraging to citizens of the state who desire to see Florida grow along educational as well as material lines. Taxes are not excessive in this state. On the contrary, they are light, all things considered, and the complaint against them comes chiefly from those who have the least to pay. Our fears of burdensome taxation are bugbears and if we are to make progress and keep up with the world, we must not get panic-stricken every time any public measure is proposed and instantly condemn it without investigation because it may imply additional taxation. Perhaps the benefits of such proposed measure may fully justify the tax and make it a highly profitable investment for the people.

That was undoubtedly the case with the three defeated amendments, and unless the voters can be induced to look into such matters with the same intelligent scrutiny they would apply to their personal affairs, carefully weighing the benefits against the cost, all other questions submitted to them where there is even a suspicion of increased taxation will suffer the same fate.

The Tampa Times treats this very important question with truth and force in the following:

The state of Florida has given itself a black eye by its ignorant fear of taxation. The public knows little about the object and nature of taxation. Liberally levied, and honestly administered it is the lifeblood of the community. Show us a commonwealth, from a state to a school district, in the process of formation and development, in which the taxes are low, and you point to a municipality which is sluggish, inert, slow, poor, unenterprising, behind the times, congested with growth, and altogether impotent and undesirable of the enterprising and energetic kind of people that move about over the earth and building it up where the opportunities are favorable.

Shying at reasonable taxes without reason is the most absurd and ridiculous failure of the people of Florida. In some localities taxes are high, but there is just where the people make the money and have the cash to pay them. In cold fact the association of high taxes with activity and prosperity is so close and constant that you never see one without the other. To have business activity you must have the facilities. Those facilities cost money and they are defrayed by taxation. To herd a large number of people together you must have pavements, sidewalks, fire protection, police guardship and a whole lot of other things which make for safety and security and serenity. Those things cost a raft of money and you can't have them without. You can't have a city without these things. No taxes, then none of these essential things, no city, no prosperity. It is the natural law. The man who grumbles about his taxes has his remedy. He can go where they are low, and when he finds how hard it is to get the money to pay low taxes, when he has become disgusted with the state of stagnation, he will come back to where taxes are heavy enough to accomplish the promotive objects for which they were intended—and he will live happy ever after.

Theodore Roosevelt is the best of the presidents since the civil war in his public talks about that strife, to speak not only with unvarying kindness but with fairness and justice of the South in that relation. When he spoke at the unveiling of the monument to General Sheridan in Washington City Wednesday he said:

And you, the men who were the blue, would be the first to say that this lofty indifference to the things of the body, when compared to the things of the soul, was shown by your brothers who were the gray. Dreadful the suffering, dreadful the loss, of the civil war. Yet it stands alone among wars in this, that now that the wounds are healed, the memory of the mighty deeds of valor performed on one side no less than on the other has become the common heritage of all our people in every quarter of this country.

The completeness with which this

is true is shown by what is occurring here today. We meet together to raise a monument to a great Union general, in the presence of many of the survivors of the Union army; and the secretary of war, the man at the head of the army, who, by virtue of his office, occupies a special relation to the celebration, is himself a man who fought in the Confederate service. Few indeed have been the countries where such a conjunction would have been possible, and blessed indeed are we that in our own beloved land it is not only possible, but seems so entirely natural as to excite no comment whatever.

In such parts of the country as still need education in the abatement of war prejudices and in learning how to do simple justice to both sides Mr. Roosevelt's words should be widely read for the sake of the good they may do.

We observe that Judge Carter of the criminal court of record in Suwannee county is another Florida judge who sends the pistol toters to jail as a sure cure for their ailment than merely pouncing it with a fine. Three months in durance ville seems to be a favorite prescription with Judge Carter in cases of that kind when he is called in to prescribe. Give us more like him.

The Pensacola Journal says that the nominees had nothing to do with the recent landslide. Right there we differ, else the personality four years since had nothing to do with Democracy's defeat.—Lake City Index.

Nor that time, either. It was the policies behind the personalities that did the work in both cases. Mr. Bryan on his personal side has always been irreproachable, no stronger man in the world, nor have we ever heard Judge Parker's character rated as inferior. Either man is of presidential size, but both were defeated simply because there was a republican majority in the north that would have been republican no matter whom the democratic nominee was. He was a democrat and that was sufficient to knock him out. Bryan no more lost because he was Bryan than Taft won because he was Taft. Any good man in place of the latter would have been equally sure of election. Military heroes sometimes influence the popular imagination and win elections on personal grounds, but in these unheroic, piping times of peace it was such little things as the protective tariff, trust money and good prices for the farmers' produce up north, accompanied by distrust of the democratic party from force of habit, that carried the day.

The tariff is a tax, an unjust tax which the democratic party denounces and will continue to denounce, but seeing that we have to pay it, whether we will or no, we are both in law and equity entitled to what benefits we may be able to get out of it. It will help us in spots undoubtedly and by vigorously asserting our rights before the committee of ways and means in Washington the number of spots may be increased. The Times-Union puts it in this convincing way:

The Floridian pays tribute to New England on every garment he wears. He pays tribute to Pennsylvania on every product of iron or steel that he uses. The cradle he is rocked in is his infancy is taxed. The toys he plays with in his childhood, the knife he cuts with, are taxed. When he grows up and starts a home of his own he wire he fences his land with a taxed lumber fastened in place with taxed nails. He buys taxed furniture. His meals are cooked in a taxed stove and served in taxed dishes on a taxed table. He eats them with taxed knives and forks and spoons while sitting in a taxed chair. If he has a carpet on his floor northern manufacturers have collected tribute on it. He cultivates his crops with taxed agricultural implements. When he grows old taxed medicines are prescribed for him. When he dies he is buried in a taxed coffin, and if his grave is marked it is by a taxed tombstone. Except in the lumber with which he builds his house all this goes out of Florida for the benefit of other states. Realizing that whether he will or not he must pay out all this for the benefit of others the Floridian should not be too severely censured for a desire to get back some of it through a tariff on Florida products.

Alcohol is a Poison, Not a Food, and Main Cause of Insanity, Says Professor

It Is Held Responsible For Twenty Per Cent. of Lunacy Cases.

DIRECT CAUSE OF EPILEPSY

Regarded as Drug by Physicians and Placed Among Narcotics and Anaesthetics.

Dr. Frederick Peterson, of New York city, whose authority on diseases affecting the nervous system is widely recognized, has delivered an important address at Elmira, N. Y., before the New York State Conference of Charities and Correction on the topics "The Influence of alcohol upon the public health," says the Philadelphia Times.

Dr. Peterson, who is professor of psychiatry at Columbia University, said that the most important modern campaign of education was to teach the people in regard to the abuse of alcohol. His larger idea carried the instruction beyond the well being of the individual and had to do with the development and improvement of the race.

Dr. Peterson in his category of the users of alcohol made a distinction which will characterize some day, even when he differentiated the moderate drinker from the temperate drinker. He also said things to cause the people to sit up and take notice in speaking of the men, college professors or others, who publicly advocate alcohol as a food. Of these he said that his hearers might be sure "it is the voice of some one perversely interested."

A Poisoned Food. He went further, and said that they might question whether such a man was not simply seeking self-exploitation or "might not even be subsidized by the vast commercial interests at stake."

For himself, Dr. Peterson said that if alcohol was a food it was a poisoned food. Harking to Masterlinck's reflection that if the world would give up meat and alcohol there would be no

What Alcohol is Held Responsible For

Perverts digestion. Weakens heart action. Diminishes capacity for work. Pulls the intellectual functions. Causes fatty degeneration of the heart, kidney disease, diseases of the blood, changes in the muscular tissue and weakens nervous system. Weakens steadiness of the organism against infectious diseases.

more hungry folk, Dr. Peterson said that if the \$938,000,000 invested in the food industry can supply the greater part of this nation's food the \$34,000,000 invested in the industry of poisonous drinks might well feed all the hungry, and leave a pretty sum over.

Alcohol's Baneful Power. Dr. Peterson's address, in part, follows: "Insanity and epilepsy are among the diseases that taint our progeny. Alcohol is the chief poison that has this baneful power."

"In the state of New York there are now 30,000 insane in the public and private hospitals, and it is estimated that 20 per cent. of these, or 6,000 patients, owe their insanity to alcohol. In all the asylums of the United States are 150,000 insane, and assuming the same percentage there are 30,000 individuals in this country in whom alcohol has brought about insanity. Dr. MacDonald calculates that one insane person is an approximate loss to the state of \$400 per year. Hence the actual loss in money to the state of New York through alcoholic insanity is \$2,400,000 and to the United States \$12,000,000 every year."

"Alcohol is often a direct cause of epilepsy, but more often epilepsy is due to alcoholism in parents. Thus Bourneville, in a study of 2500 idiots, epileptics and imbeciles admitted to the Bleecker Hospital, found that 41 per cent. of them had drunken parents."

Physicians may differ among themselves on minor points, such as whether alcohol has any nutritive value, whether it should ever be used as a stimulant in sickness, whether moderate drinking is always harmful, but the medical profession is at one in its stand against the abuse of alcohol, which leads to the wrecking of the home and moral degeneration.

"They all agree that alcohol is a

No Longer Considered a Stimulant, but Rather a Depressant.

WEAKENS, HE SAYS MENTAL POWERS

Vitiates the Correctness of Prescriptions and Generates Timidity.

poison taken in any form—beer, wine, hard cider, rum, whisky, bitters or patent medicines. There is no question as to its being a poison.

"The discussion as to whether alcohol is ever a food is equally idle and evasive of the main issue. It is not a food like bread and butter, for it has venom in it. As Professor Abel of Johns Hopkins University says: "It is an easily oxidizable drug with numerous untoward effects which inevitably appear when a certain minimum dose is exceeded."

"I have italicized the word drug because it is as a drug that alcohol is now regarded by most physicians. It is placed among the narcotics and anesthetics.

"I should like here to present a very brief summary of what scientific investigators have recently determined to be the action of this drug:

"It is no longer considered to be a stimulant, but rather a depressant.

"It prevents digestion.

"It depresses and weakens the heart action.

"It decreases the capacity to do muscular work.

"It diminishes the intellectual functions by dulling the creative faculty, impairing judgment, vitiating the correctness of perceptions and by generating timidity.

"It brings about slow, far reaching anatomical changes, such as fatty degeneration of the heart, kidney disease, diseases of the blood vessels, changes in the muscular tissue and in the cell and fibre of the nervous system.

"Its habitual use lessens the normal defenses of the organism against infectious diseases, especially tuberculosis."

C. U. PORTER TO HIS FLA. FRIENDS

By C. U. Porter

Newton, Miss., Nov. 26.—On this day of national rejoicing and thanksgiving for the manifold blessing of the God of nations, when His people with sublime accord pause in their varied pursuits to return thanks of grateful hearts for health, happiness and peaceful pursuit of fickle fortune, untrammelled by disasters of war, famine or pestilence, we send greetings to our many Florida friends with the earnest wish for their return of this occasion. Though time with unrelenting hand has severed us from associations that to us were as sweet as morning dew in the Maytime, yet, lingering loving memories of friendships dear to our hearts, will accompany us through life's unmeasured length, even if the varied vicissitudes of our checkered career shall operate against our return to the scenes we learned to love so well.

Florida with its wonderful wealth of undeveloped resources, with a climate that lends to it the charm of a paradise and a people of generous impulses, is destined to become the cynosure of the tourist, the capitalist and the homemaker who have the fullness of time and fulfillments of our prophesy will make it the Eden of America. Its geographical position when the great inland waterways improvement is completed, will place it foremost in the field of investment and varied industries.

Pensacola, by virtue of its landlocked anchorage and juxtaposition to the great Isthmian canal may, can and should become the leading port of the country and the largest city of the South. In point of natural advantages it stands alone in its class, and nothing but wilful waste of opportunity and want of enterprise can defeat the fulfillment of its manifest destiny and deny its claim to greatness.

But, deep water and lavish use of printer's ink, unaided by men and money, will not, can not, force an indifferent, dissenting small city into a position of supremacy. Pensacola has two formidable rivals to the west and some smaller ones to the east of her that it will be well for her not to overlook, nor rely too much upon her natural advantages for the right kind of men with available money create advantages that nature failed to bestow, and many of that kind of men with plenty of that kind of money are actively engaged in efforts to prevent Pensacola's inertia winning the coveted prize over their unremitting activity.

Interest in Rip Van Winkle was heightened after he had awakened from his long sleep and history is reputed to sometimes repeat itself. We love old Pensacola and some of our most valued friends are there. There is no place on earth in which the writer feels a deeper interest in its future, than the Deep Water city, and he writes only to invite attention to conditions that must be met, and counteracted or else surrendered to. We have warned, now beware.

We hope to soon hear of the house warming festivities which recently occurred in the New Battle House, be-

ing elaborated in a similar function of opening to the public the Hotel Hervey, the pride of Pensacola, the wonder of West Florida.

OFFICIAL PEONAGE PERSECUTION.

New Orleans States.

The case of the government against the agents of the Florida East Coast Railroad, charged with peonage, has come to a sorry end, in spite of the fact that two years and much money were spent in preparing it. A few days ago Judge Hough of the United States circuit court at New York, dismissed the case and ordered an acquittal because in his opinion the government had failed to present sufficient evidence against the defendants. In this way ends another so-called "southern peonage case."

During the last five years the south has suffered much from this form of official persecution. Citizens have been arrested and denounced in the public prints as brutes who have kept their fellowmen in involuntary servitude, and been guilty of great cruelty and outrages. Whole communities have been maligned and immigrants warned to steer clear of them unless they wished to enter the horrors of slavery. It seems to us that it is time for Southern representatives in congress to make good their promises.

CURE YOUR KIDNEYS.

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If you have any, even one, of the symptoms of kidney diseases, cure yourself now, before diabetes, dropsy or Bright's disease sets in. Read this Pensacola testimony: J. T. Carter, 132 1-2 Intendencia street, Pensacola, Fla., says: "Being on my feet the greater part of my time, I believe, was the cause of my kidney trouble. There was always a dull pain in my back and limbs, often so severe as to keep me awake at night. The kidneys were in a disordered condition as was shown by the unnatural appearance of the secretions. Whenever I caught cold, I was always worse. I finally procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills from the Crystal Pharmacy and after taking a few doses noticed a decided change for the better. Continuing their use a short time, all signs of my trouble disappeared."



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devoted unreservedly his time, energy, talent and means to an unsuccessful attempt to municipalize the street railways.

Mr. Johnson was a pioneer in street railway construction, development and consolidation. He was past master in the arts and crafts of traction manipulation. With his resources, his experience, his trained capacity, had he chosen to work for himself instead of the public; to increase instead of diminishing the burdens of the people; to scheme, plot, bribe and squeeze instead of striving to reduce fares and profits, he might have accumulated a colossal fortune. He might have acquired palaces instead of exchanging a mansion for a cottage; he might have had a garage full of automobiles instead of being compelled to sacrifice the one motor car he owns.

It is not necessary to approve Mayor Johnson's economic theories or his devotion to his public an admirable spirit. Whether right or wrong in his specific objects and methods, he has elevated the standard of public service, and has made a signal contribution to its annals.

NEWS AND VIEWS BY STATE PRESS

Something to be Thankful For.

The present cotton crop has been about the best crop raised in this country for years. The quantity and quality of the cotton is very much above the average, and while the price has

been low, the amount of money paid to the farmers for the crop by the local cotton buyers has been greater than ever before. The weather this fall has been all one could ask to pick and market the crop in fine condition. Taken as a whole, the farmers of Suwannee county are in as good condition, financially and every other way, as are the farmers of any county in this prosperous state, and that's something to be thankful for.—Live Oak Democrat.

It Might Be Worth a Trial.

John Beard is again in the limelight, this time with a suggestion that the South in the future refrain from attending federal nominating conventions and that the electoral vote of the South be held as the balance of power between the two great parties and delivered to that party which will grant the greatest concessions to the South. Mr. Beard, with his usual eloquence and directness, argues his motion so that it appears reasonable, at least. Surely it would be an innovation and without precedent, but if it would result in good to the South it might be worth a trial. As matters now stand the South votes for a democratic president every four years—and this is about the only section of the country which does—and for some candidate foisted upon us by a section of country which has no sympathy for us.—Madison Enterprise-Recorder.

The Kind Wanted.

Perks—I'd like to have you help us out at bridge. Play? Lane—Not a very good game. Perkins—So much the better. We play for money.—Life.

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